

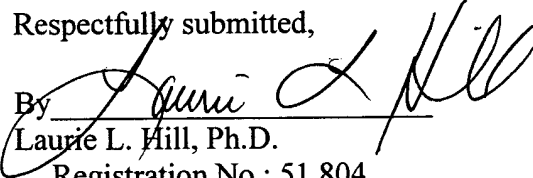
REMARKS

Claims 1-66 were pending in the present application. By virtue of this preliminary amendment, claims 1-66 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. New claims 67-72 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. No new matter is believed to have been added.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 549172000220. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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